

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

The Honorable Eric H. Holder
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20530

February 15, 2013

Dear Attorney General Holder:

I am pleased to write in support of the International Institute of Buffalo's (IIOB) application for a grant under the *Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking* Program. This funding will allow the International Institute to continue their excellent work to fight human trafficking and provide support for victims.

As Chairman of the Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security, I am immensely grateful for the Institutional Institute's past work in this field. Their support of minor and young adult victims as they testified against Kenneth Graham resulted in three guilty counts of sex trafficking, bringing a sentence of at least thirty-five years. In addition, the International Institute is one of the few anti-trafficking NGOs in the United States that successfully works with adult male survivors of labor trafficking. This work is helping to build national best practices standards that will help screen and identify victims of labor trafficking.

With funding, IIOB will be able to provide victims of human trafficking in Western New York with a full array of culturally and linguistically appropriate service. In 2012 alone, IIOB was able to assist fifty-one victims of human trafficking. These victims experienced a variety of forms of trafficking –domestic servitude, forced prostitution, forced labor - and the necessary services IIOB provides to them must continue. I applaud the International Institute of Buffalo for its foresight, and I hope its application meets with your approval.

Thank you for your consideration. For additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or my Grants Director, Grant Kerr, in my Washington office at 202.224.6542.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Chuck Schumer", with a stylized, cursive script.

Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator